COMMENT ON SPORTS

BOXING

By Pete Fritchie

Washington.- June was a month of great fights. There was the Carmen Basilia - Tony DeMarco title go, which saw Tony lost his crown after starting strong and apparently coming close to giving Basilio a sleeping pill in the early rounds.

But Carman was tough enough to take it and come on, as his followers knew, later in the fight. DeMarco went down fighting like a champion should, crawling back up under a savage attack when it took stuff alone to keep coming back.

The long-awaited Moore - Olson fight was actually disappointing, from the fans' standpoint. Carl did not stay around long enough to provide many thrills. Archie didn't do much in the first round, not a lot in the second, but he made hay in the third. The light heavy champion was stalking his man all the way.

Olson looked like he couldn't play the role of a runner, which he started out in, and came in to mix it up. He got mixed up instead. Moore is a better boxer than people think; he doesn't look the part of the sharpie, but he is plenty wise in the ring.

But of all the June fights, the one between the undefeated Argentine welterweight, Oscar Pita, and Gene Poirier, of Niagara Falls, was the most thrilling. Until that fight, some fight fans had seen in Poirer a future welterweight champion. And it still might come to pass.

Poirier has more talent than Pita but he doesn't have Pitt's chin. The Argentine fighter took it from round one until round eight when he knocked Poirier down and out and won the tense, thrilling fight. Until that time Pita had not decked Poirier or even come close to decking him.

Instead, Poirier had been pounding the Argentine lad mercilessly. He knocked him down once with a right so savage it must have hurt every member of Pita's family back in Argentina.

But the undefeated South American did not know how to quit. How he was able to continue swinging and trading with Poirier in the constant flurries is more than the mind can comprehend. But all of a sudden it happened. Oscar clipped Gene on the button. Gene had the fight won at that stage and could have cosated in — on this writer's opinion. But he was out to give it all he had and possibly knock out the Argentine fighter.

Poirier must have exhausted himself beating his opponents, but whatever his reason, when he unexpectedly got clipped and went down —even as he was pressing his foe against the ropes, with a two-handed assault — it was a startling turn in a great fight, but Poirier washurt and you could tell it.

He got back up once and was immediately hit again. When he went down that time you could tell he wouldn't get up. He lay there, face down, with arm stretched out by his side in an awkward position. His trainers had to drag him to his corner. He was still groggy when the next bell rang—he had been saved by the bell at the count of eight. He couldn't come out.

That was the fight of the year, though we wish these battlers had worn headgear. Both took too much and we don't like to see youngsters go through as much brain tissue damage as they undoubtedly experienced in that one.

SIX DAYS IN BOX-CAR

Philadelphia.- Manual Ramirex, 28, is recuuperating in a hospital from the effects of six days he spent locked inside a pitch black, refrigerated railroad car. The man jumped into the car in Chicago, hoping to hitch a ride to his family in Laredo, Texas. A workman sealed the car, the temperature of which was about 50 degrees. Instead of reaching Texas, the car arrived in Philadelphia, and when the car was opened, employees found Ramirez, almost too weak to move.

Pamplin

Pamplin, July 12.- The members of Elon Baptist Church attending the State B. T. U. Convention are: Eleanor Richardson, Dorothy Richardson, Joanne Price, Mary Wilson McClenny, Carol Tolly, Barbara Gilliam, Janice Keith McClenny, Bobby McClenny, Raymond Dickerson, Tommy Ligon, Jimmie Miller, Mrs. Gladys McClenny, counsellor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brockwell, of Newport News are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McClenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gardner and son, Joe were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Miss Inez Garrison, of Lynchburg spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Robert Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wood and children, of Warwick visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthery, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. E. N. Harvey and son, Wilson spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller, of Locust Hill.

Miss Irene Scruggs, of Richmond is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Scruggs.

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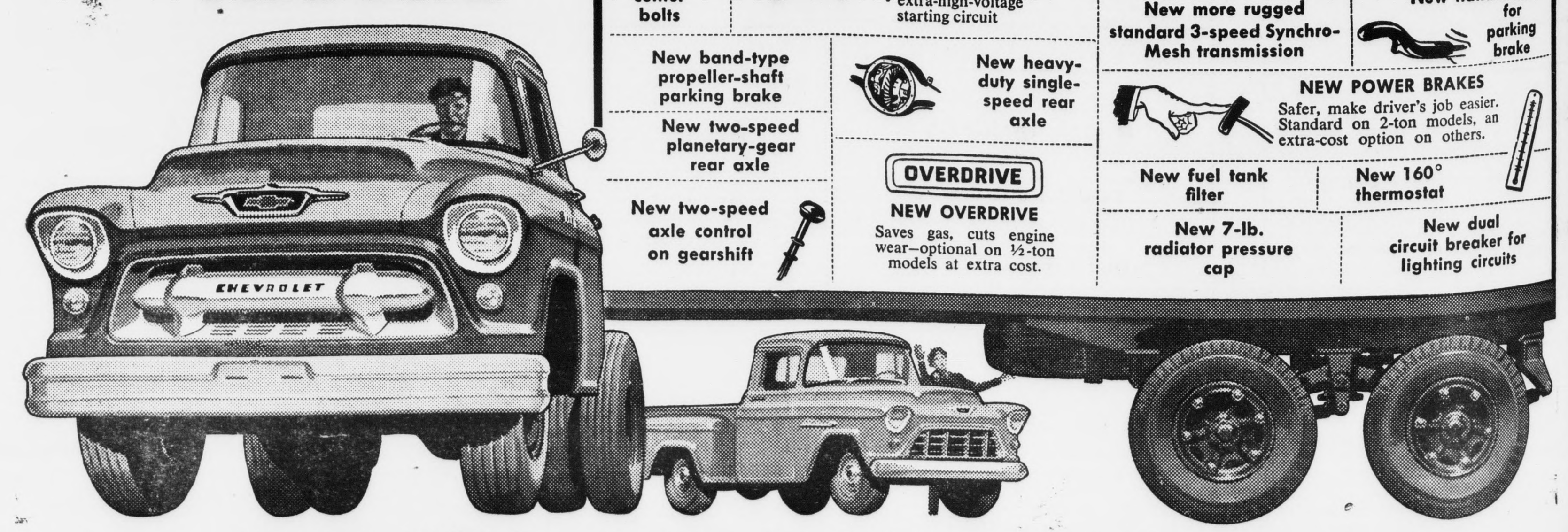

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By c. h. r.

It is in order to speak a few words about Williams Brothers Company, the contractors who are now completing a big 73-mile pipeline contract, with Appomattox as headquarters, for Transcontinental Natural Gas Pinepine Corp.

The story begins in the year 1908. That would be when Teddy Roosevelt was President, and Jack Johnson was heavyweight boxing champ, and everyone was still trembling from the 1907 panic. And it would be when two brothers, S. Miller Williams, Jr. and David R. Williams, were in Fort Smith, Arkansas, ready to go go to work with a Kansas City contractor on a municipal paving job. But the voters of Fort Smith voted down the bond issue that would have made the paving job possible and that was that. The Williams brothers had no cash, but lots of persuasiveness and they got the contractor to take their note for a used concrete mixer and a set of tools, and they were in business for themselves. For several years they worked on masonry structures, on bridges and trestles and such, and when World War I arrived, they got in on the ground floor of the fabulous Twentieth Century miracle job, building pipelines. An oil-hungry world was crying for pipelines. From 1915 on, Williams Brothers concentrated on pipelines. They grew up with the industry, which branched out over the world, with ever larger and longer lines, hauling oil, gas and water. They built the 22-inch Monroe, Baton Rouge - New Orleans line of Interstate Gas Company, the Denver line of Colorado Interstate Gas Company, the Mississippi River Fuel Company's St. Louis line, the Southern Natural Gas Company's system, and the Panhandle Eastern gas line in Missouri - Kansas and Chicago. And they assembled a skilled force, headed by experts like Guy S. Conners and Cecil A. Stanfield. And a younger generation of Williams Brothers came along: John, Charles, and David, and after serving hitches in the armed forces in World War II they came into management of the big firm.

Williams Brothers has built nearly 50,000 miles of pipelines and related structures. They build over 2,000 miles of lines in the average year. The replacement value of their equipment is over $10,000,000. They have worked all over America, in Canada, Bolivia, Columbia, Venezuela, Arabia. They worked on the famous "Big Inch" and "Little Big Inch" lines of World War II, the Trans-Arabian Pipeline System, and have been on jobs in Mexico, the Belgian Congo, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Chile, Brazil, and the Gold Coast. The permanent staff maintained by Williams Brothers numbers over 500 supervisors and adminstrators, and the company employs an average of 8,000 to 10,000 men on its crews for varying periods.

The general superintendent at Appomattox was T. E. Davis, a church-going pipeline veteran who has been with the company since 1929. He has handled numerous pipeline projects around the United States and is noted for his ability to do the toughest jobs as simple routine. He hails from Idabel, Oklahoma. He has a loyal following of "pipeline regulars" who know the work through power saws, bulldozers, stringing, ditching, bending, line-up, welding, lowering-in, and clean-up down to the last detail. A mile a day of 30-inch pipe is routine..sun up to sun down, seven days a week, racing against time, weather and terrain.

The pace of pipelining is ascending. Jobs all over the world are challenging the pioneer spirit of human skill and enterprise. Appomattox sits astride one of the longest pipelines, Transco's Texas to New York gas line. New lines, new compressor stations and paralleling existing lines, all are part of the rush to carry out, gas and water to meet the never-ending demands of modern civilization. Appomattox has been fortunate for the privilege of playing host during the summer of 1955 to one of the best groups in the business: the Williams Brothers, Superintendent Davis and company.

(Note: Many of the pipeliners here hail from the area of Idabel, Oklahoma. Idabel is listed in the 1950 census as population 4,761.)

PURCHASES HOTEL

. . . Mrs. Virginia Rosser

Hotel Appomattox was sold at auction last Saturday, and purchase was made by Mrs. Virginia Rosser on a high bid of $17,000. Three lots of the hotel property were bought by J. C. Simpson, and six other lots on the property were bought by Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Mrs. Rosser has been managing Hotel Appomattox since its sale by the Cheatham estate, and points to recent improvements made in the property.

The sale was held Saturday by Hopkins Brothers, auctioneers, for J. R. Strader and R. F. B. Steele.

Forestry Camp At Holliday

Atlanta, Ga.- (Special) One hundred farm youths will enjoy a week-long forestry training camp beginning July 25 at Holliday Lake near Appomattox as guests of the state's pulp and paper industry.

Over 1,000 farm youths throughout the South will receive similar forestry training experiences this summer through the sponsorship of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association and its member mills.

The youths are selected to attend the camp by their vocational agriculture teachers on the basis of interest shown in forestry projects and problems.

Included in the usual camping activities will be forestry subjects on tree management, thinning, planting, and control and suppression of forest fires.

FIRE BURNS HOME AT SPOUT SPRING

A six-room, two-story frame dwelling on Route 1 was destroyed by fire about 5 A. M. Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser discovered the blaze shortly after arising. Virtually all their belongings were lost. The home was formerly known as the J. A. Martin farm.

INSPECTED NEW SCHOOL

Following the regular meeting last Thursday night, members of the Appomattox Lions Club made an inspection tour of the new Elementary School here. The school will be ready for occupancy in September.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Friday, July 22—Just to remind everyone of the reception for Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Boice which will be held in the Educational Center of Liberty Baptist Church from 7:00 until 9:30 p. m. The Appomattox County Home Demonstration Committee is in charge.

Monday, July 25-29—The Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Institute of Rural Affairs will be held at VPI, Blacksburg, July 26-29. Mrs. F. F. Carr, State President, will preside over the meeting on Tuesday. Thirteen workshops have been arranged for the delegates of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Women from the county who are planning to attend for the week are Mrs. Charlie Martin, Mrs. Mollie S. Garrett, Mrs. Russell Conner, and Mrs. B. G. Anderson, Home Agent. Some others are planning to attend the State Federation meeting and workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Friday, July 29—The Piney Ridge Home Demonstration Club will have their annual recreational meeting and picnic at the old church building at 6:30 p. m. All members and their families are invited to attend and bring picnic supper. A demonstration on Home Storage will be given by Mrs. Wilson Baldwin and Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

Pipeline Job Now In Final Stage

With a speed record of slightly better than one mile per day, the big pipeline looping project by Williams Brothers, Tulsa, Okla. contractors for Transcontinental Natural Gas Pipeline Corp., Houston, Texas, is now in its final stages. The project has had Appomattox for its headquarters since mid-May. Kickoff date was May 16, and the 73 miles of 30-inch pipeline should be in the ground by tomorrow night. The payroll has already tapered off from the peak of 446 workers. After Friday, the contractor will have a week or more of "cleanup" operation. It is even possible that some of the pipeline workers and much of the equipment will remain here a few weeks awaiting orders for the next project.

Writes Letter of Thanks

As the big operation neared its end, T. E. Davis, Williams Brothers General Superintendent, wrote the following letter to the people of the Appomattox area;

Mr. Calvin Robinson, Editor,
The Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.
Dear Sir:

The time is rapidly approaching when our work on the pipeline project will be completed. But before we leave your coommunity we would like to use your paper as a medium to express our deep appreciation for the warm feeling that has been extended toward us by the people of Appomattox and the surrounding towns. It is heart warming to reflect on the manner in which you have welcomed us into your homes and civic organizations, especially your churches. Having traveled to a considerable extent about this country, we feel quailfied to say that this is one of the most neighborly towns and emphasizes your traditional hospitality. Hoping this feeling has been well deserved, we remain,

Your very truly,
Williams Brothers Company,
T. E. Davis, Supt.

The sentiment of good-will has been mutual, as Appomattox will always recall the summer of 1955 for the sojourn of the pipeline workers. Allowing for a number of local workmen employed on the job, but adding the families of a great number of the workers, a total of over 500 people have been added to Appomattox's population this summer.

The speed with which the project has been accomplished, is a tribute to the skill of the Williams Brothers company and their equipment and efficient work force. The big pipeline looping began in the Gretna area, and extended across the middle of Appomattox County and Buckingham to Scottsville. The completed line is being tied in with the main-line of Transco and gas will be pumped from Compressor Station 17 at Appomattox.

Polling Place Named For Referendum

According to C. S. Rush, Charman of the Appomattox Co. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, the polling place in Appomattox County for the fiue-cured tobacco referendum on July 23 is the ASC office in Appomattox. The polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 P. M.

The vote will determine whether the program which has been in continuous operation since 1940 will be in effect for the crops of 1956, 1957, and 1958; for the 1956 crop only; or discontinued in 1956. If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve quotas, price support at 90 percent of parity will be available to growers who comply with their farm acreage allotment. If more than one-third of the votes are opposed to marketing quotas, price support and quotas will not be in effect for the 1956 crop.

Largely because of increased yields per acre and a recent decrease in marketing the total supply of flue-cured tobacco has increased from 2,604,306,000 pounds in 1947 to 3,229,500,000 pounds in 1954. Domestic use and exports dropped from a peak of 1,279,441,000 in 1951 to 1,204,500,000 in 1954.

Chariman Rush gave a last minute reminder as to who is eligible to vote in the flue-cured referendum He stated that eligible voters include any person who shares in the proceeds of the 1955 flue-cured tobacco crop as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper.

Jaycees Met Monday Night

The Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce is interested in seeking new industry for Appomattox. At a meeting of the Jaycees Monday night, a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of attracting industry to the community. H. H. Caldwell, Jr. will be chairman of this committee.

John Crafton and Abbott Coleman were taken into the Jaycees as new members.

The Executive Board of the Appomattox Lions Club will meet to-night.

New Parking Area For Buses

Improvement in the arrangeemnt for loading, unloading and parking school buses at Appomattox High School is being made. The former driveway extending through the school grounds at the rear of the buildings, is being abandoned, and workmen are now preparing a semi-circular driveway for the buses to enter and leave from Route 460, and load and unload at a curbing. It is believed that the new arrangement will make for greater safety in the loading and unloading of the buses, and will keep traffic off the playground area.

A southside entrance to the school lot will be maintained for use of cars for athletic events at night at the gymnasium and for other public occasions.

State Clubs In Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held at V. P. I., Balcksburg, on July 26, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

There will be reports on club activity by the Federation Goal Chairmen, an address by Mrs. J. Homer Remsberg, President of National Home Demonstration Council, and Work Shops covering the many areas of interest of club members; and election of officers.

The Past Presidents of the Federation are being especially honored at this annual meeting. They will be the guests of the Executive Committee at dinner Tuesday evening in the Faculty Center, and will take part in other sections of the program.

Another feature of the day's program will be the presentation of the Woman of the Year Award by Miss Sallie Hill, of the Progressive Farmer Magazine.

On Monday, July 25, the Executive Board will be in session from 9:30 A. M. and on Monday evening will be hostess at an informal reception in Squires Hall in honor of Mrs. J. Homer Remsberg.

Mrs. F. F. Carr, President of the Federation, will preside at both the board meeting and the annual meeting. At 2:00 P. M., on Tuesday, July 26, she will address the Agricultural Conference Board on the Progress of Home Demonstration Clubs in Virginia.

Guardsmen Leave Friday For Pa. Camp

Members of H Company, 116th Infantry, National Guard will leave on Friday for two weeks summer encampment at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Members of the company from Appomattox who will be away on this training period are:

First Sergeant Ray Ferguson; Kermit Campbell, Alton Lucado, John Carter, Henry Hodges, David Garrette, Bobby Ferguson, Kenneth Jamerson, Charles Crews, Ray Grishaw, Ellis Grishaw, Arthur Mullins, David Snow, Harold Jones, Thomas Patterson, Robert Thomas, Earl Johnson Orie Millner and J. P. Almond.

Equipment Being Installed In New School

Equipment for the new Elementary School here is being installed this week. Some elementary equipment is being transferred from the Appomattox High School building to the new structure on Ferguson St., and additional new equipment is being added at the high school. The new school has been completed, and is now being made ready for opening in September.

Market In New Main St. Store

Simpson's Food Market is now occupying its new store building, next to Hotel Appomattox on Main St. A formal opening is planned for the near future, but Mr. Simpson invites the public to shop now in his large new quarters.

Local Sailor At Brunswick, Maine

Brunswick, Maine, (FHTNC).- Claude W. Thompson, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. L. W. Carter, of Route 2, Appomattox, Va. reported in June for duty at the Naval Air Station here.

The all-weather air station is home base for several of the Navy's long-range patrol bomber squadrons.

Above: Left to right: Mr. Rinehart, U. S. Ambassador to South Vietnam; Miss Ilah Buchanan, of Appomattox, now in Saigon; U. S. Senator Everette Dirksen; and Gardner Palmer, Deputy Director of USOM Mission. Miss Buchanan, a former secretarp in Senator Dirkson's office, was among the first to greet Senator Dirksen in Saigon.

Miss Buchanan Stationed In Saigon

Miss Ilah Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Buchanan, of Appomattox, is now stationed in Saigon, Vietnam. She is in distant Indo-China on assignment with the Information Division of the United States Mission to Vietnam.

Prior to this assignment under the Department of State, Miss Buchanan had been a secretary in the office of United States Senator Everette Dirksen (R.-Ill.) in Washington.

Senator Dirksen has just returned to Washington after a world tour of inspection under US Foreign Aid, and Miss Buchanan, his former secretary, was the first to greet him on his arrival by plane in Saigon last month.

Miss Buchanan has written to her parents interestingly of her present assignment. She was in Saigon during the civil strife there, but reported that the Americans there came through undisturbed. She has been able to make a few trips to interesting places near Saigon, and states that she is thoroughly enjoying the overseas experience.

Miss Buchanan met Vietnam president Ngo dinh Diem at a reception given for Senators Dirksen and Clements (D.-Ky).

Music Teacher Is Appointed

Miss Joyce Wingfield will be general music teacher in Appomattox schools next session, serving at both Appomattox High and Elementary Schools. A music teacher for the Carver-Price School will also be appointed.

Miss Wingfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wingfield, of Appomattox, and has been instructor in music at William-Campbell H. S. and in Danville. As part of her duties, she plans to train the Appomattox school band.

Reception For New Doctor Friday Night

A reception will be held in the Education Center of Liberty Baptist Church on Friday evening, July 22, from 7 to 9:30, to welcome Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Boyce and family to Appomattox. The Home Demonstration Clubs of Appomattox County are acting as hostesses to welcome the new doctor to the community. The public is invited.

At Veterinary Meeting

Dr. Trotter Tyler, of Appomattox attended the semi-annual meeting of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association July 17 through 19, held at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va.